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From the President



Dr. H. H. Strickland

The Spring Semester is over. Graduation services were a tremendous success. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the Pinehaven Baptist Church of Pensacola, FL, for providing their wonderful facilities for the services. Dr. Terry Parrish brought a very inspiring message and a challenge to all those who were in attendance. Everyone who was there, really enjoyed the services. There was a wonderful meal provided for all the people and they must have enjoyed it because there was very little left. The highlights of the evening were the six graduates who received their degrees. I am amazed at how many graduates we consistently have even though our

enrollment has been a little low. It is a tribute to the dedication to the students and their commitment to complete their studies. There was one who received the Associate of Bible Degree, one to receive a Bachelor of Bible degree, one to receive the Bachelor of Theology Degree, and two to receive the Master of Bible degree. One received the Master of Divinity degree.

I am excited to announce that there are two new programs that have been put in place beginning with the summer session. These programs will offer a degree of Master of Divinity and a Master of Counseling. Dr. Shane Turner and Bro. John Swan has done a great job in putting this curriculum together. There is tremendous need for these programs. These are now some requirements if one has a desire to become a hospital chaplain or a jail chaplain. It is very

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From a
Woman's Point
 of View



By: Loretta Pritchett

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**Philosophy of
 Religion**

It is not intended to prolong the ideas that every believer rejects regarding the views of an unbeliever, especially one who denies that there is a Supreme Being. However, it is necessary that we all have enough understanding regarding these beliefs that we can give an answer. It goes to the matter that many Christians know what they believe but they are pressed to give an answer as why they believe certain doctrines. Every believer should know what they believe about the true doctrines of the Bible and they should know why they believe.

“In *The Future of an Illusion* Freud analyzed the essence of religious beliefs and the primary motive for religious commitment to be essentially illusion (or decisions). He noted, “These, which profess to be dogmas, are not the residue of experience or the final result of reflections; they are illusions, fulfillments of the oldest, strongest, and most insistent wishes of mankind.”

The first and foremost observation regarding this statement is that, it is very apparent that Freud does not accept the Bible as an authority in determining what is real and what is not. It has been stated over and over again, how fruitless it is to attempt to prove a point regarding the existence of a Supreme Being, when there is no acceptance of proof. It is called “an acceptable field” upon which one is to prove or disapprove their particular point of view.

In any debate, there must be an authority that both sides accept as the authority of the argument. People, such as Freud does not accept the Bible as an authority, thus there is no plan upon which to prove or disapprove the argument. However, this does not imply that the argument does not persist. Believers should understand and know how to defend their beliefs.

The first error that is presented by Freud is the idea of what “dogmas” are. If he is referring to the principle “doctrine” present in scripture, then the “dogmas” are more than what one might wish them to be or even hope that they were. The doctrines of the scriptures are often debated among so-called Christians but the truth of the doctrines lie in their presentation in the scriptures, not is how one believes them. What one desires to believe or how they may even present their personal belief, does not change the principal doctrine of the scriptures. Truth will always remain truth regardless of how many believe or are willing to accept it as truth.

For instance, there are a number of ideas regarding the matter of salvation. Many believe one has to do certain works in order to be saved. Yet, others believe that the matter of salvation is given to a repentant believer and is transmitted through the grace of God. It really does not matter on what side of the issue one may argue the matter, the truth of the doctrine of salvation does not change

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Glen Davenport

TEXT: Gen. 11:1-9

1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.
 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.
 3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.
 4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.
 5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.
 6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.
 7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.
 8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.
 9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth."

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The flood of Noah's day was past.
- B. God made a covenant with Noah and signed it with a 'RAINBOW'
- C. The earth began to be repopulated.
 1. Only eight souls survived the flood.
 2. The first child was born 2 years after the flood. (1659 c.m.)
 3. The "generations of Noah" are given in Genesis 10:1-32.
 4. Leaders, like Nimrod, became well known

I. The Task of Nimrod

- A. Nimrod is said to have been a builder of cities;
 1. The founder of Nineveh .
 2. A founder of the kingdom of Babylonia
 3. Associated with the building of the Tower of Babel .
- B. Nimrod was known to God as "a mighty hunter."
 (At this point I am going to elaborate with a personal opinion.)
 1. "Hunter" means "a chaser". Nimrod was a "mighty chaser."

THE TOWER OF BABEL

Of course we think of a hunter as one who chases and kills "game."

We think of a fisher as one who fishes for fish. But Jesus gave us another application for fishermen when He said to His disciples - "I will make you to become fisher of men."

This leaves me with the thought that Nimrod was a hunter for men- men who would champion his cause which was one of false religions and defiance against God.

II. The Tower of Babel

- A. ... built by the followers of Nimrod.
- B. ... built in the plain of Shinar - the land of two rivers.
- C. ... built in defiance of God.
 1. ... ignoring the Rainbow.
 2. ... building his own plan of survival.
 3. ... provoking God to anger.

III The Tour of God

- A. God paid the city a visit.
 1. The people were defiant and determined to build the tower.
 2. God took note of their attitude and confused their language.
- B. God separated the people according to their languages.
 1. He set them in colonies along the coastal areas
 2. He divided the earth "in the days of Peleg" - 101 years after the flood.

IV. The Traveler From Babylon

- A. The faith of the Babylonians changed very little. The people continue even to this day, to reject the creator of the Rainbow.
- B. Eventually God found a "big fish" in one whom we know as "ABRAHAM".
 1. Abraham has been called "The Father Of Faith" ..
- C. It is the FAITH of ABRAHAM that has brought us near unto God!

V. The Triumph of Faith.

- A. **Rom 4:3**
For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.
- B. **Gal 3:6**
Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.
- C. **James 2:23**
And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God."
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Dr. David Gonnella

What Is Your Plan?

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and will not change. The scriptures are clear regarding what salvation is and how one may obtain it. What one believes or desires to believe, does not change, nor will it change, the scriptures.

The second idea that can be taken from Freud’s statement is that dogmas are based upon the wishes of mankind. This is at the very heart of the whole matter. Men such as Freud have a desire not to believe that there is a God. They choose their own path and more than that, they try their best to drag others down the same path. It is difficult to understand why, if the unbeliever chooses their own path to follow, why do they live each day trying to prove they are wrong. If they are right, there is really no need for the concentration of effort on their part.

The word of God is the truth for men to accept, but very few spend every moment of time trying to prove that it is the truth. It is accepted and believers move on in living the best life they can in order to prove their love for their God. There is no need for constantly arguing the fact.

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CONCLUSION:

The faith of Nimrod is still active in the Middle east ..
It is still violent and dangerous in his area.
The worship of a false god is prominent.

Take up the Faith of Abraham and denounce the faith of Nimrod.

Only God knows how many American soldiers have lost their lives fighting in the middle east.

Only God knows how many true Christians have perished in the same area. The fighting goes on.

This is a great day to remember our fallen soldiers and saints and to pray for those who are there now.

GRADUATION

President's Address



Dr. Terry Parries, Speaker



Robin Snow, Music



H. H. Strickland, M. D.



Henry Arnold, M. Bible



Katie Early, M. Bible



John Swan, B.Th.



Willie Thomas, B.Bible



Jerry Bryant, Assoc. Bible



All the Graduates



Special Music





*Secretary/
Treasurer
Missions*

Bryan Sellers

MISSION NEWS AND VIEWS

SELLERS REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$1,075,075.00
RECEIPTS:	
Interstate Salaries	\$62,033.97
Foreign & National Salaries	\$58,409.41
Designated	\$32,122.13
Undesignated	\$15,820.57
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$168,386.08
BALANCE FOR SALARY/EXPENSE	
	\$1,243,461.08
DISBURSEMENTS	
Interstate Salaries	\$76,731.90
Foreign Salaries	\$18,679.20
National Salaries	\$26,702.40
Designated	\$32,122.13
Salaries & Expenses of Sec-Treas. Office	
Office Salaries	\$11,483.27
General Office	\$4,267.49
Sec/Treas. Travel	\$879.58
Automobile Expense	\$708.38
Total Office	\$17,338.72
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$171,674.35
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	\$1,071,786.73
Deficit - April	(\$3,288.27)

The month of April was an extremely busy month of travel. I was privileged to preach and share ABA missions in six of our churches in Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois and Oregon. I am grateful for each invitation and thankful for the prayers of God's people for traveling mercies.

For April, the missionaries reported **864** professions of faith and **188** baptisms. Since our National Meeting in June of 2016, the total number of salvations reported is **12,998** and **1,817** baptisms. Let us praise the Lord

for His continual grace and for opening doors of opportunity for our dedicated missionaries.

At this time, we are gearing up for the Standing Missionary Committee Meeting that will be held in Texarkana on May 22nd and 23rd. The meeting will convene at 1:00 pm on Monday the 22nd at Northern Hills Baptist Church. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss each recommended missionary that will be recommended to the Messenger Body in June of 2017. Please pray for the committee men that will be traveling from all over the United States and Mexico to attend.

For the past couple of months I have mentioned several National Missionaries in the Philippines that were needing stateside churches to recommend them this year at the ABA meeting. I am pleased to announce that each of these brethren have been picked up by a few of our churches. Thank you to each of these churches for helping these hard working men and allowing them to continue with the work of the Lord in their areas of service.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Monterrey, Colombia, SA

Julio Mendoza, Missionary

In the Month of April, God blessed us spiritually and materially. In our Wed. night services we held a prayer meeting for the Community revival which will be held on May 26th. Bro. Ledford from Landmark MBC of Florida will be preaching the revival. Please pray with us for this revival that many will come to hear the Gospel Message. Also pictured, are the men and women working hard to pave the courtyard of the Temple's garage. We are blessed that our church members always pray together and work together to accomplish God's mission work.

The radio continues to be a great vehicle to reach out to the people in the surrounding areas. Everywhere we travel we are asked if

it is our church that brings the message on the radio. They are often complimentary and tell us they look forward to the preaching from the radio ministry. Thank you brothers and sisters in Christ who support the radio program. We offer a special thanks to Bro Reed and Bro and Sis Jones and CMBC for their tireless support of the radio ministry.

<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>42</i>
<i>Worship service A.M.</i>	<i>53</i>
<i>Evening Service</i>	<i>48</i>
<i>Mid-Week Service</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>First-time visitors</i>	<i>8</i>

Cochabamba, Bolivia

Darrell Roberton, Missionary

First, I thank all of you that love the Lord's work and take the time to read and respond to the reports I send. Your prayers and support are appreciated. God is using them in a great way. We started a new work on the first Sunday of January with eight people. We have increased every week and have a high attendance of 25. Several have made professions of faith. Two that were saved, on February 17, have been very faithful and well be baptized in the first part of May. We have several that expressed a desire for baptism. I am talking to each one to make sure they understand the commitment that baptism is. We also have four people that were baptized with missionary Danny Von who was here for five or so years in the nineteen nineties. We will receive them by statement.

In March, we were visited by Pastor Tim Myers and wife Shelia, and missionary Len Curtis and wife Liliana. It was a great time spent with folks from the states. While here Pastor Myers visited a man he met while traveling to Bolivia a year ago. He led both this man and his wife to the Lord. Pray with us that they will come and join our group. Pray for the salvation of Juan Carlos, he is one of the interpreters I am using. He is like Cornelius in Acts chapter 10. He attended a Baptist church while in the states and has a great desire to please the Lord but he is not

really clear on salvation. By interpreting for me he realizes he needs to know more.

Special needs: We need many things for the completion of the building. We are meeting in the big room. We built benches and a platform to elevate the pulpit and I am now working on the pulpit. The people are getting much of the material and are helping with the work. My own needs are appliances and material for beds, tables, chairs and such.

Our key board is giving out and I would like to get an electric piano which cost \$2,000.00. I have divided this by 88 keys and encouraged the people to buy a key at a time. I just started this and I am praying that they will buy some keys this week. If you would like to help, please designate offerings to the piano fund.

Auto fund needed: We need a van to do the evangelism we have planned once we get the building done and we baptize and organize the group. Automobiles are very expensive here.

We need your continual prayers.

South Pacific Missions

Things continue to progress on Tanna. The people are busy planting gardens and still the rebuilding continues from Cyclone Pam (March 2015). Recently the ladies from all over Tanna had their quarterly meeting and it was well attended. The Churches on East Tanna continue to have outreach meetings at least once every two months. They all come together to one specific area to reach out to that area. They are reporting success at reaching others for Christ.

We presently have a collection of garden seeds ongoing. You can gain more information on Facebook as "Garden Seeds for South Pacific Missions". Also if you would like more information your invited to join the Facebook page "Friends Of South Pacific Missions" we try to provide information and pictures of the mission work and news of Vanuatu as it effects the people.

We are very proud to report to you that individual works on Tanna are giving to buy concrete and then making block to build Church buildings. One Church already has their building up and are working on finishing it. They do need some financial help to

purchase the metal roofing. But they are doing all the work. God is good.

We are in need of funds to help our Pastor make his annual trip and are still collecting funds for "Tanna Relief" all offerings are appreciated and can be sent to South Pacific Missions PO Box 803 Berryville, Arkansas 72616. Please let us know if funds are for a specific area.

Thanks for your prayers, vocal and financial support it is truly making a difference.

As I submit this a Cyclone (Donna) has formed over Northern Vanuatu. It is expected to strengthen but on it's present course it will be a glancing hit to Port Vila and miss Tanna. Please Pray.

Bogota, Colombia, SA

Gilberto Pinzón, Missionary

PENIEL BAPTIST MISSION: Continues preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, teaching the doctrine of the New Testament and baptizing new disciples.

Bro. Jorge Fautoque, and His daughter, Karen were baptized in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ.

25 YEARS OF MINISTRY IN COLOMBIA

The Peniel BM celebrated to my family and me, the 25 years of ministry in Colombia with a special service and delicious lunch last Sunday, April the 9th. At the evening united service, Pastor Alberto Gelvez preached a good message.

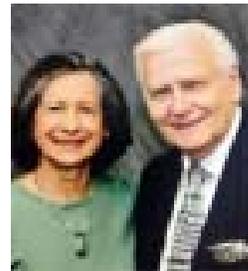
The Missionary Baptist Churches of Emanuel, Peniel, Bosa and Santa Marta presented to me two appreciation plaques and several gifts, for serving the Lord for the last 25 years in Colombia

The youth of the Church composed a beautiful "poem to the pastor". Brother Carlos Niño in the name of the Churches and the Bible Institute delivered a good speech recognizing the work done for the Lord. After the service we enjoyed a delicious roasted pig "lechona". "I thank God for having me worthy of His calling to the Gospel Ministry, to the most useless of all his servants, because I have not even done what I have been commanded to do...". to the Costa Rica MB Seminay, the Florida Baptist College, today: Emmaus B. College for have contributed on my theological capacitation, to the great servants that God gave me as

pastors: Jaime Pardo, Gene Ward, Rick Adams, Joe T. Harper, and my present pastor, Josh Stacy. to my wife, and children for their support and unconditional service to the Lord, to my mother, in Heaven, and for my brothers and sisters for working with me through the years, to my sponsoring Church, the First Baptist of Port Salerno, FL., For all my supporting churches and friends that pray and support the Missionary Work in Colombia. Without all of you my ministry of the Lord's work in Colombia would be impossible." Thanks to every one of you. Love you, hugs.

Jungle Bible School

Jim Gage, Director



We have been blessed with excellent Bible teachers that have come to help us with the Jungle Bible School. One such teacher is Bro. Gary Weindenbach, from the Concord MBC, in California. He travels often to help in Medical Missions. However, while he is a medic, he is a great bible teacher. He taught the book of James.

Through the work of Ronnie Williamson and The Voice in the Wilderness, Bearing Precious Seeds has printed over 11,000 booklets on John and Romans in Currapaco and Piapoco languages. Our need now is to get these materials shipped to Colombia and then distributed to the Indian brethren. If anyone can help us, it would be greatly appreciated. The total pallet dimension is, 41X49X65 inches with a weight of 1,780 pounds. One company estimated the cost out of Miami @ \$1.64 lb. Keep us in your prayers.

Colombia Ladies Retreat in Puerto Lopez: Puerto Lopez is the geographic center of Colombia. Last week, the new church hosted the Colombia Ladies Retreat. It was a wonderful time of Christian ladies' fellowship, spiritual refreshment and biblical teaching.

After a day of instruction, they had a Christian ladies slumber party at a nearby farm. The only hiccup to the outing were some uninvited night bugs and "skeeters". Then, they visited a small zoo. But, who says that you can't enjoy your life as a Christian.

SouthEast Asia Missions

Jared Gabariault, Missionary

We want to begin by saying thank you again to everyone for their faithful support and prayer for the ministry to Southeast Asia. We are constantly reminded that without the help of the Lord's people, this work could not continue.

We feel that our trip for the month of March was a success. Because we are making a transition to a restricted access country, we had a list of ministry questions that we felt could only be answered by investigating in person. With these questions answered, at least in part, we are excited to plan a longer stay beginning this summer in Southeast Asia. Our primary focus will be to attend language school and build friendships while we are there. Our prayer is that the visa process will be without problems and that we will quickly make friends with whom we can share the love of Jesus.

Please keep us in prayer as we travel in America to visit more of the Lord's churches this spring and summer, and then attempt another long plane ride with our two year old boy.

On a very personal note, please pray for my wife's family. Kayla's grandmother passed away early in the month of May. We are filled with joy to know she is home with her Lord and Savior, but sad to be separated from her for a little while.

Costa Rica Mission

Walter Goulding, Missionary

I'm back on the air! The board of directors invited me to have a five-minute radio broadcast twice a week and invite those seeking a church home to consider The Way MBC.

This has been a matter of prayer for quite some time. Radio is one of my gifts, and I have used it to build churches in the past. After several years of *radio silence*, the Lord has opened the door for me to use it again. The script is posted on Facebook after each

broadcast, and several share it with friends.

The Way – Both Manrique and Noemy Guerrero (pronounced Gerrero) need Scriptural baptism (she was named after my wife) – and their daughter Kristel, also.

Seminary – As reported in the previous issue, I am teaching this year an afternoon and evening session on Monday's. Once a month I also teach two classes on Wednesday and another two on Saturday.

The Saturday classes are at the Poasito church, 1½ hours away – near the Poas Volcano. The park is closed and the area is suffering from lack of tourism due to volcanic activity.

Matters of prayer: That good prospects be reached by radio. Baptism of the Guerrero family. That the Lord provide the funds for urgent repairs on our 60-year-old home to face this rainy season.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

Zhytomyr, Ukraine

David Bostick, Missionary

WOW!!! Our hearts are so full. We are so excited about the happenings here in Zhytomyr, Ukraine. God is so good all the time. So much to tell, so little space. God is abundantly blessing the work here. At this moment we are floating above the mountain top.

God provided us 5 years ago a beautiful house to live in and to do ministry work. We are small so this was a good place to start church. However, the culture here is that you do not come to someone's home unless you are personally invited. Which we do, and we encourage those coming to bring their friends. Their friends don't feel comfortable coming because the invite is not from us.

We are growing, but it is slow. We were not even praying about moving the church, but we were praying about people coming to church. God always knows the exact way to answer prayers. About three years ago a church building was built right around the corner from our house.

Well, we have heard several stories and not real sure which one is correct, but they moved out. The owner is a Baptist deacon in Zhytomyr's largest Baptist Union Church. He divided the building in order to get more

money. This opportunity fell into our laps. God has provided us with one half of the building and we received the blessing of our sending church to rent this building. Zhytomyr has 6 main roads running through town with all other roads running off these 6 roads. The church building is on one of these main roads. This gives Pearl MBC a face, a sign, and a better presence in the community.

Our congregation is SO happy to be moving out of our house. The cost of the building is very reasonable for being located on a main road: \$600 a month plus utilities. Please consider this ministry work in your missions giving. As this does put a strain on our financial situation. God provided the building, and we are extremely confident that He is going to provide the funds. We have stepped out on faith.

Belize Missions

Ben Woodward, Missionary

As we reported last month, God has blessed us with a small 20X20' space to rent in Cotton Tree Village. On Easter we were able to comfortably seat 43 guests attending! We are so thankful that so many came out on our fourth Sunday morning service.

All this month we were able to have only one service per Sunday because there is no power in our part of the building. At the end of the month, God again removed an obstacle and we were able to wire up our space and install lights!

Our plan is to start evening services on the first Sunday of May.

Although English is the official language in Belize, and most speak fluently, there still remains some communication challenges. In particular, the people who speak only Spanish, Mayan and at times broken Belize Kriol. With the Spanish speaking folks, I do my best and we can manage. However, Cotton Tree Village brings a whole new challenge, the Mya Mopan. A very different dialect. There are some Spanish similarities, but not enough to communicate effectively. For more than a year now, I have been working on a Bible tract titled: "Biki Hebe'ek Ubel A Mak Ti Ka'An? Can I be good enough to get into heaven?"

There is so much to do and we are praying for God's direction and for others to prayerfully consider the Lord's will to come and help us.

St. Petersburg, Russia*Jody Vesely, Missionary*

Our last English Movie Night meeting before our summer furlough was our biggest meeting of the year. We had several new people show up. At the end of the English Movie Night a couple of the people who had been coming for a few months approached me and said some very inspiring things. One of them was something like "At first I didn't know how to react to English Movie Night. But then I kept coming. I don't know if it is God or you guys, but the environment of English Movie Night is amazing. It feels like family. People treat each other nice and smile and talk with each other even if they are just meeting for the first time. My job is very routine and ok, but I find myself looking forward to Thursday nights. I woke up today excited about today. I want to thank you very much for this event. It means very much to me. We will really miss you this summer." One of the things I have continued to realize as I research Russian culture and learn more from others who do ministry here is that Russians take a long time to come to Christ. Just the other day a friend of ours who has been in St. Petersburg for 8 years said that two good neighbor friends they have known since living there just came to Christ. 8 years! Hearing the Gospel repeatedly! So this gives me hope, hope that many more Russians will come to Christ in their own time. Speaking of those that have come to Christ, our home meetings are going great. Please pray specifically for the lost families of those that come to our meetings. Please pray specifically that God would call Russians to surrender to the ministry. Our home meeting group has agreed to have a continuing Bible study via social network group messaging throughout the summer. Please pray that everyone grows spiritually during this time and sticks together.

Praises: I have successfully defended my thesis and have received confirmation of my Master's degree from Liberty University. Thank you for your prayers and support through this. The Macedonian Call Foundation in Houston, TX is letting us use a Toyota Sienna for our summer furlough in the southern states until August 20th. We only must pay a small amount each month for insurance.

News: We hope to raise about \$600/month more in support this summer in order to regularly having the funding needed for our children's schooling needs. On May 1st we arrived in Houston for our furlough primarily to thank supporting churches and raise support throughout the summer. Gideon and I will also need new Passports and Visas. Please be in prayer over these matters for us.

Spain*Daniel Estrada, Missionary*

In Spain we're still working with a lot of new people, that we are in contact with. It is very hard to gain their confidence in order to start a conversation, but God is good.

It is a joy to see how our family gets involved in sharing the good news. Also, pray for Emmely's friends, she is witnessing to them every day at school. Also, we continue making contacts and talking to people about Christ, it is very hard but not impossible. Eloisa has found grace in some people and we hope that the Lord might save them.

They are becoming our good friends and we are praying for them to be saved. They have been with us for some time and we have shared the Gospel in many ways. We are waiting for God's time. Please, keep them in your prayers.

Inma is Spanish, the owner of the house where we are living now. She heard the Gospel and we are going to meet with her family again in order to talk more about Christ.

The reason why we've made comments about where people are; is because a lot of people in Baptist churches around Spain are from other countries. Praise God who is opening doors with Spanish ones as we we've been praying for.

SWEDEN MINISTRY... Well, God provided for us to visit the disciples in Sweden. This time we had the chance to visit all the families that we have. In three different cities: Stockholm, Uppsala and Jönköping

Gold Coast, Australia*Chris Miller, Missionary*

I hope this finds you all healthy and well. We have had many things happen over the past several weeks. Our sending pastor Darvie Fenison came to the Gold Coast for a

visit. It's always great to see him, he is such an encouragement.

I would like to ask for special prayer for the Edwards family working with us here on the Gold Coast. They are in the final stages of the visa process that will allow them to stay here. The Edwards have been a benefit to the ministry of Hinterland Baptist. Our youth groups is growing. Willow, who was so excited about baptism that she insisted her parents contact me and have me come to their house so we could talk about her being baptised.

Thank you all for your prayers and support! -Chris, Christine, Kaitlyn and Samuel Miller. Sending Church: East Somerset Baptist Church, Somerset Kentucky.

Thailand*David Leak, Missionary*

In spite of health issues, I have returned to Antioch BC for Sunday Worship & it has been very refreshing! The Rosendals will be returning to Canada & the US for furlough & deputation beginning in August-November this year. Brent has asked me to teach the SS class each week & I am grateful for the honor & confidence he has placed in me. I ask each of you to please pray for me concerning this. He & I met for lunch earlier in the month; May, & had a very good meeting. He, Dtawm, & Antioch BC have been so good to me; along with the Heart to Heart Foundation that they oversee. They have given me the privilege of obtaining a Visa & Work Permit, & for that; as well as other things they have done, I am extremely grateful! Just got new Visa!

May I please implore each of you to continue to keep me in your prayers about the future move back to the Isaan Region upon my completion of language study here? I want to keep this before everyone because of the seriousness of the decision. Most days that I get to class; I briefly scan the map, specifically Isaan. I continue to formulate plans in my mind about a survey trip, when I am closer to finishing up with the language here. That finishing point is closer; but I do want to ask for continued prayers in this area as well. Each level closer to finishing gets more difficult & complicated with the advanced Thai.

Interstate Missions

Lighthouse Ministries

Toby Cribs Sr., Director

My wife and I attended Hillside BC, Knoxville TN., Hillcrest BC, Acworth, GA, Covenant BC, Murphy NC, Bell Hill BC, Murphy, NC and Culberson BC, Culberson, NC. The pastors at Bell Hill BC and Covenant BC said they would give me a call and set up an appointment to come and present our Mission Work. At Culberson BC the pastor asked me to come back Sunday night to present the work and preach. We had a great service.

LETTERS TO CHAPLAINS: As of today we have received 617 of the enrollment forms that have been sent to Chaplains. This month we sent packages to Texas. This makes 785 packages that we sent out a total of 19,500 enrollment forms.

WALKER STATE PRISON ROCK SPRING, GEORGIA

The study on Bible Analysis is going great. We have a 12 week study period then take a week off.

NEW CAR: We purchased a 2017 Honda Accord Car. The car is used mainly for the Ministry. We are asking the Lord's Churches and his people to help on paying on the car. We will pay the regular monthly payment and all that comes in from the churches and the Lord's people will be applied to the principal.

LOCAL JAIL MINISTRY

Pickens County Jail, Jasper, GA –We are having more come to the study time. The men are learning new things and some things they had forgotten about.

Polk County Jail, Benton, TN. Continue to pray for the Jail Administer about re-opening up PODC for Bible Study time. Study time in the other cells are going great.

Fannin County Jail Blue Ridge, GA. We are now on chapter 16 in the Gospel of John.

McAllen, TX

Gene Gabrielson, Missionary

Due to increasingly elevated white blood cell count and somewhat lower red blood cell count results from several months of tests done through my regular medical clinic, my medical team had referred me for blood work at Texas Oncology here in McAllen. I had more tests done and consultations with Dr. Wahid.

On Tuesday, April 18th, Dr. Wahid gave Linda and I a diagnosis of very early phase of Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia. At this stage, he said quite possible medication or intervention will NOT be needed at this time. For safety and to mark a baseline for future comparisons on Monday, April 24th, they took a bone marrow sample from the left hip with adequate pain medication that left me sleepy all day. On Friday, April 28th they scheduled a CT scan. The results from both these tests were discussed with Dr. Wahid on Thursday, May 4th. The results reflected my current health which will be monitored periodically. There are no additional medications nor treatments at this time.

Before the awareness of the blood problem, I had been having dull pain in my legs. My regular medical team has referred me to a vein doctor. The ultrasound test several weeks ago showed I have a problem with varicose veins.

On Wednesday May 19th, the vein clinic informed me that the procedure will be covered by insurance and the co-pay will be reasonable. Dr. Wahid gave clearance to proceed with the vein procedures. It will take three days total, as three veins are needing work. It will be done in the clinic and I will go home and begin walking at least 30 minutes each day for recovery. Because of the doctor's schedule and speaking conferences, my appointments are set for May 22nd, May 23rd and June 5th. If there are cancellations, I might get earlier appointments.

When these issues are resolved, we will then know if there are problems left needing attention, such as if part of the leg problem is due to disc or vertebra pressure on the spinal cord.

We are still working and thanking the Lord for every day. We hope to use much of the rest of year to travel reporting to the churches

who have been helping us in several ways in ministry in Mexico and others who have requested a presentation to see what is being done. Another goal is to attend our national meeting of the American Baptist Association to be held in Daytona Beach, Florida, on June 19-22.

We are sharing this information since you may wish to know our current status. We thank you for your prayers and concern.

New Beginnings Ministries

Jack Slay, Director

Greeting from McCaysville, GA. WOW!!!! Its hard to believe that it's May already. Spring time is upon us, and maybe you have been wondering what you're going to do with the winter coats that you no longer want, or, maybe your children have outgrown the ones that you bought last year. Are you in a quandary? Are you losing sleep over this difficult decision? Fret no more!! I have a solution. We are in need of good gently used winter coats and jackets for the folks in our local community. If you or your church would like to collect coats and jackets for our ministry, I would be happy to come and pick them up. Thanks for your help in this future outreach project.

I am so excited about what the Lord is doing in our local jails. Men and women are asking for Bibles. Bible questions are being asked. Men and women are asking for salvation and rededication. Jesus is changing the lives of these people. The attendance in our church services is on the rise. God is giving the increase. Our services are a source of blessing and encouragement for me. I wish I could live stream our church services so that you could see the praise and worship that takes place on a weekly basis. I know that your hearts would be blessed beyond measure. I covet your prayers. Please put us on your prayer list and pray that the Lord will continue to move upon the hearts and the minds of these men and women.

In the past several months, we had been asking for a pocket projector. Well....the Lord has provided for this ministry need through our sending church. We would like to thank them for their heart to give and for their support of this ministry. Plans are already in

the works to use the projector in the jails that I visit. Our purpose will be to show the movie *Courageous* once we get clearance from the jail administration. I know that the Lord will use this projector as a tool to reach more people for Jesus!

God continues to bless this ministry above and beyond all that we could ask or think. He is moving in the hearts and minds of those who are open to receive the gospel. It's because of your heart to give, that makes it possible for us to go in behind the bars to share Jesus with those that are incarcerated. Thank you to the churches and individuals that faithfully support this ministry. You are truly a blessing. Thank you for reading our report.

2018 Outreach Bible Project PyeongChange, South Korea

David Hardin, Director

The 2018 Outreach Bible Project needs you! We take the Bible and the Great Commission literally. Mark 16:15 commands us to go into all the world. And what better place to share the gospel with the world...then where all the world has assembled. Plan now to participate by joining other volunteers from all over the U.S. and abroad. Please pray and search your heart. Has God placed in your heart a burden for reaching lost souls through the Outreach Bible Project? Do you have a desire to witness to people through distributing God's Word? The Outreach Bible Project provides a great opportunity for both! I'm also currently filling appointments if you would like me to speak at your church and share more about this unique opportunity. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Steps to Register: 1) **SIGN UP:** The time is now! Sign up for the Outreach Bible Project, Feb 8th – 23rd, 2018 in PyeongChang, South Korea. Plan to attend one week or two. Complete the on-line application at www.theobp.com

2) **DEPOSIT:** Send in a deposit of \$200, this is non-refundable. This money will be applied towards your expenses. Mail check to: Hillcrest Baptist Church 6069 Woodstock Road Acworth, Georgia, 30102.

Make payable to "Outreach Bible Project". In the memo line put the name of individual attending. The cost for one week will be approx. \$3,500 and the cost for two weeks will be approx. \$4,500. This includes air fare, ground transportation, lodging and meals while in South Korea. The cost will be firmed up as plans and accommodations are secured. Past participants have raised money by sending out support letters to family and friends, as well as organizing fund raisers. We will provide a sample support letter upon request.

3) **PASSPORT:** Apply for your Passport if you do not have one. If you already have a passport make sure it is valid through the end of 2018.

First Heritage Baptist Church

Fayetteville, NC

Mike Jones, Missionary

Excitement: The month of April brought some excitement as we look forward and begin planning for events in the coming months. We are especially looking forward to the Piedmont Association which is our local association of A.B.A churches. Being one of only 2 A.B.A churches in N.C and one of seven churches in the Carolinas, having an opportunity to fellowship with other churches is very exciting for this Pastor which seems to be catching on with our people. Excitement has also been stirring around decorating our facility. It is amazing how much a little love and greenery can change an old beauty salon into house that is God honoring. With Summer coming fast and the end of school approaching, you can hear and feel the buzz in the air as people are gearing up to go.

Easter: He IS RISEN!!! We had wonderful Easter services. We opted not to do a sunrise service this year and just pushed our service back to 8:30 where we had scripture readings and a short devotion. Then we enjoyed a breakfast fit for a King. After that we started our Worship Service at 10 where I preached a message entitled "If" using 1 Corinthians 15. Easter is always a great day having opportunities to meet new people and celebrate our risen King!

Prayers Answered: I have been asking people to pray for us as a church for couple reasons. First for our Military: We always pray for the safety of our soldiers and opportunities to reach them. Especially since we have 3 members of our church currently deployed overseas. I have also been requesting prayer for our Bible studies, Sunday School and Wednesday Night. Trying to teach people the importance of these and brew some excitement has been difficult but prayers have been answered. Our Sunday School attendance is beginning to pick up, and our Wednesday Night Bible study seems to be getting back on track with attendance and participation. So, I thank you for your prayers for these, and Praise God for the answered requests.

Prayers Needed: It seems there are always prayer request and prayer needs. But I want to ask you to pray for a new Bible Study I am going to begin in the next town over of Hope Mills. There is a couple that I have met that doesn't believe in "Corporate Church" but has a testimony of Salvation, and they have opened their home for me to begin a Bible study in their neighborhood. Please Pray for this upcoming Bible study, and that God gets the Glory.

ABA Disaster Relief

Paul Stansell, Director

Hello to all! It is a privilege to bring to you my first official report as Director of the ABA Disaster Relief Ministry. So much has happened in such a short time, and it is exciting to be a part of this ministry. I am still in awe that the Lord would see fit to use an old sinner like me.

There has been no shortage of storms so far this year and before an area is able to recover from the devastation, another violent storm comes on its heels. We have had the opportunity to send financial relief to one of our own ABA churches that felt such devastation, Logos Missionary Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, MS, where Brother Bruce Betts is Pastor. While the church building itself was spared, several of the members of that church lost their homes and one family lost a loved one. We are so

thankful to those that sent special offerings so that we can continue to share the burden with our sister churches.

In January I had the opportunity to preach the Gospel and share the Disaster Relief Ministry at Monterey Baptist Church in Orlando, as well as First Missionary Baptist Church in Kenansville, FL and at New Horizons Assisted Living Facility. My heart yearns to share the Gospel and ultimately that is what is at the core of this ministry. March presented itself with the opportunity to be with 30th Avenue Baptist Church in St. Petersburg, FL with Dr. Bill Pennell during their Missions Conference and I was allowed to share the work. What a blessing that was! Before I was able to unpack my suitcase it was time to head out with brother Danny Jones to North Florida. Brother Danny's parents put us up in their home and treated me just like family! In Pensacola, FL, Pinehaven Missionary Baptist church allowed me the privilege of preaching and sharing the Disaster Relief ministry. Then we traveled to Jacksonville. Pastor Ody Witt is a longtime friend and participant of the ABA Disaster Relief Ministry.

Colorado Church Planting

Everett Ladbetter, Missionary

The month of April was a good month of service to the Lord. Our Sunday morning worship service began taking place at the Courtyard Marriott. We were blessed with consistent attendance of 11 people in these services. The new location brought a lot of excitement and interest.

Easter allowed us to make a big push to reach out to people. Even though we did not see any new faces on Easter, it was very encouraging to see our people working for the Lord. We are confident that the Lord will bless our efforts in time.

Not only did we begin our new Sunday morning location, but we also saw greater interest in our smaller Bible study groups.

Ministry Support: We rejoice over the recent offering to our ministry fund. This will help us to be able to rent a central location that meets our needs and to purchase promotional materials for our outreach efforts.

One of the biggest challenges to doing

outreach is not finding different ways to love on people and share the gospel, but rather being able to afford financially to properly do this. These offerings are a great help in this ministry.

Impact Coming to Colorado: Impact Ministries is launching out in a new avenue of ministries. This fall the brand new ministry of Impact Explores will be working with us in Colorado. Impact will be here on Columbus Day weekend from October 5-8. Due to the dates, this will primarily be an adult effort, but it is open to families. If you would like more information, please let me know.

Two Grey Hills MBC

Rusty Denny Missionary

We called and they came from 8 different states to erect a building at Two Grey Hills in only 5 days! Thank the Lord for the MACEDONIAN MISSION BUILDERS AND THOSE THAT WORK WITH THEM! We had workers from Washington, Idaho, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. They traveled at their own expense and did a great job. You will not find a crew anywhere in the USA that will do any better quality work than the MACEDONIAN MISSION BUILDERS! If you or your church has not heard of them.

Phase Two is complete! Yes, I know I have already said that but it sounds so good, I wanted to say it again! Praise the Lord and pass the offering plate one more time! **In order to complete this phase we have depleted the building fund set up by the sponsoring church.** The mission also has a building fund for everyday expenses and that has diminished also. As anyone knows that has been involved in building, there are always unexpected expenses that jump up at the last minute and that is what the mission building fund is used for.

Our next need is to raise \$8,500.00 to insulate the entire building. The Macedonian Mission Builders have the equipment to spray the foam but we need to purchase the materials. This has to be done before we can begin work on the inside in September. We have a **second goal of raising \$25,000.00** for the work scheduled for September. Please keep these things in mind as you pray for our need. We are using the funds as we receive

them to buy materials and rent equipment for our building. We are using skilled, qualified workers at no cost to us to do the work. **We are not paying ANY INTEREST on a note** so at this point we are still debt free. **We cannot do the work in September without materials to work with!** NOUGH SAID!!

MISIÓN BAUTISTA EMANUEL

Houston, Texas 77083

Gabriel Sanchez, Missionary

For the first time we had a 7:00 AM service to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The service was held on the parking lot. Despite being an early service, we had an attendance of 50! Service was followed by a delicious break-fast. The mission enjoyed service so much that they do not want to wait another year to do it again. On Sunday the 9th the Mission recognized ; **Genesis Rivas, Ericka Salazar** and **Esmeralda Sanchez**, for faithfully serving for three consecutive years as teachers for the kids class during our Wednesday evening services. It is always a blessing and a relief when the missionary or the pastor can count with faithful workers.

PRAYER AT OUR LAND : On Friday the 21st we met at our newly purchased land property to pray and to seek God's guidance and direction from this point forward. Our people are excited, they acknowledge the magnitude of the task we have ahead of us, and they know that it is only with God's help that we will be able to erect our building. We covet your prayers for this project. Also, we continue asking, if possible to help us with an offering to accelerate the principal payment of our \$200,000 land loan. Please send your offering to our sponsoring church:

Have a safe and enjoyable trip to Daytona Beach



Wayne Sewell

Business Manager Report

The month of April was very busy and May is turning out to be equally as busy. The staff is beginning to get things ready for the American Baptist Associational meeting in Daytona Beach, Florida. There are some items to be printed and made ready for the meeting, so things are rather busy at the present time.

One of the things that we do each year is to work with Bro. Sutton to get the necessary insurance coverage for the national meeting. We began working on that in December of 2016. Bro. Sellers and I have met with the insurance agent several times. It was finalized in early May.

A new stacker for the folding machine was ordered in January. The order had to be placed and then the machine was built. It is scheduled to arrive in the middle of May. The old stacker has served for the last thirty years on the various folding machines. The old stacker will be rebuilt and then be used as a backup on the other folders as needed.

A ten-ton chiller on the large ten-unit press went out recently. A new one had to be ordered. It will also arrive about the middle of May. The chiller keeps the press at a constant temperature while the press is running. It is necessary to have the chiller working properly to keep the press cool during operation. It is amazing how much heat the ten-unit press puts off during operation. During the summer months the heat is vented to the outside of the building, that helps keep the print shop cooler. During the winter months it is vented to the inside of the building to assist with the heating of the print shop.

The new print-on-demand equipment is installed and working great. One of the color machines has a plockmatic booklet finisher. It will square fold and stitch a 140 page booklet. The square fold booklet maker produces a much flatter book. It almost looks like a perfect bound book. The plockmatic booklet finisher is also a stand alone booklet finisher. The operator of the printon- demand equipment says that it the best equipment we have added to the print-on-demand area. He is already finding ways to use the stand alone booklet maker.

Vacation Bible School files for 2018 have begun to go back to the press department. Those first items will soon go to press. I appreciate the editorial department efforts in getting the material to the press department early. That allows the print shop to schedule and run when they are between the print runs for the regular quarterly curriculum printing. It also gives the staff opportunity to get the Vacation Bible School sample kits prepared earlier. Hopefully, we can have the Vacation Bible School curriculum available prior to December this year.

Please continue praying for the staff in Texarkana. There are two employees out at the present time because personal illness or family medical leave for a spouse. We desire to serve the Lord as we also serve the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Kyle Elkins
Business Manager

Is Sunday School Dying? This was the title of a seminar this editor attended. This title certainly attracted the attention of one who has grown up attending Sunday School. To show how widespread this question is, the presenter explained how he performed an Internet search. This editor also did the same test later and typed in the search field Is Sunday School.... The search engine guessed where I was going by offering the suggestions Is Sunday School dead or Is Sunday School a thing of the past. These are obviously thought-provoking and serious questions facing churches today.

The answer to this question is a resounding no. Sunday School may be changing, but it is far from dead. Sunday School began as a method to instruct children so that they would not end up in poverty or prison. Today, Sunday Schools provide excellent opportunities to train students in the Word of God and instruct them how to apply the Scriptures to everyday living.

Churches determine what they want their Sunday Schools to be. Some Sunday Schools have been used as church growth tools. This is best seen in the explosion that took place in Sunday Schools in the 70s. Other Sunday Schools see their primary focus on discipleship building and outreach to bring in others.

A popular trend among churches is the acceptance and use of small groups. Small groups in and of themselves are not wrong. Small groups seem to offer a comfortable and safe place to study the Bible in someone's home away from the church setting. However, small groups may often end up emphasizing fellowship over instruction in the Word of God. Typically, small groups only allow a certain number of people in any group. When more people want to become involved, new small groups are formed. Again, this is not necessarily wrong, but it increases the demand for qualified teachers who will use biblically sound resources.

A disturbing trend is that of doing away altogether with Sunday School. How are children to be instructed in the Word of God? How will they learn memorization of Scriptures and the importance of hiding the Word of God in their hearts?

BarnaTrends reports that only 14 percent of American adults read their Bibles every day. The same report reveals that 26 percent of American adults never read the Bible. For millennials, 34 percent report that they never read a Bible.

Instead of asking, Is Sunday School dying, the better question is, where would you be today without Sunday School?

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WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE
MARCH/APRIL 2017**

GENERAL FUND
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD \$45,288.34

INCOME:

ALABAMA

Magnolia Springs BC -Theodore, AL 1,200.00
BaptistChapel BC -Grand Bay, AL 100.00
Baumhauer Rd. -Theodore, AL 100.00
Schillinger Rd. -Mobile, AL 50.00

GEORGIA

Northside, BC -Vienna, GA 100.00
Traders Hill -Folkston, GA 100.00

FLORIDA

Galilee MBC -Milton, FL 40.00
Bethel BC -Milton, FL 200.00
Okeechobee BC -Okeechobee, FL 154.93
Calvary BC -Panama City, FL 100.00
Landmark BC -Pensacola, FL 90.00
Landmark BC -Madison, FL 200.00

Mics:

Kitchen Sales -Pensacola, FL 14.00
TOTAL \$2,448.93

DESIGNATED FUNDS:H.H.Strickland

Baptist Chapel -Grand Bay,AL 700.00
Eastern Avenue -St.Cloud,FL 2,688.64
Frankfort BC -Russellville, AL 220.00
Charles Glenn -Traskwood, AR 100.00
Galilee BC -Milton, FL 150.00
Newark BC -Elkton,MD 200.00
Cumberland Cove BC -Monterey,TN 50.00
Johnsontown BC -Hedgseville,WV 200.00
First Baptist BC -White City, FL 200.00
TOTAL \$ 4,508.64

COMMITTEE OF 100

Terry Alexander -Pensacola, FL 20.00
\$4,528.00

TUITION/REGISTRATION

Registration \$ 100.00
Tuition \$ 1,500.00
TOTAL INCOME 8,577.57 \$8,577.57
TOTAL AVAILABLE \$53,865.91

EXPENSES:

Utilities \$ 1,988.19
Misc. 9,587.00
Insurance -0-
Instruction 10,958.39
TOTAL EXPENSE \$22,533.58 \$22,533.58
NEW BALANCE \$ 31,332.33

BOOKSTORE FUND

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD \$ -1,669.45
Income:

Bookstore Sales \$ 6,675.24
Press Sales 1,000.00
Contributions
Pinehaven 100.00
O'Leno BC 200.00
Galilee BC 30.00
Landmark (Pensacola) 30.00
Total Income \$7,995.24 \$7,995.24
TOTAL AVAILABLE \$6,325.79

Expenses:

Utilities \$891.67
Postage \$333.60
Books \$525.09
Supplies \$1,351.56
TOTAL EXPENSES \$3,101.92 \$ 3,101.92
NEW BALANCE \$ 3,223.87
GENERAL FUND BALANCE \$31,332.33
BOOKSTORE FUND BALANCE \$ 3,223.87

CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR

Northside Missionary Baptist Church of Ocala, Florida is currently seeking a full-time pastor. Applicant must believe that the Holy Bible is the inspired and infallible word of God, meet all the qualification of 1Tim. And Titus, preach and teach only from the King James Version, be a part of and in good fellowship with the American Baptist Association, be in complete conviction/agreement with the ABA Doctrinal Statement. Applicant is asked to submit a resume that includes educational background, previous positions, and reference contact information via email to Paul Merritt at secretarynmbc@gmail.com
Christi Merritt, Secretary

Pilgrim Baptist Church is seeking a Pastor. The Pastor has to be Mission minded and believe the King James Bible is the only true and living word. Must adhere to the churches' doctrines, covenant, rules and regulations. We are a small, loving congregation. The pastor would have to be employed. Only God called, God fearing, mission

SPANISH-SPEAKING MISSIONARY NEEDED

We are seeking a Spanish-speaking Missionary for our Hispanic Mission in Tulsa, Oklahoma. There are many Spanish-speaking people in this area and we want to reach them with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The man would need to speak at least some English, be sound in Missionary Baptist doctrine and be a U.S. citizen. If the Lord impresses upon you to contact us you may call, write or e-mail us. Rose Lawn Missionary Baptist Church 6610 East Latimer Place Tulsa, OK 74115 Church: 918-836-2790 Pastor: 918-224-4393 E-mail: rncveigh@cox.net. Please pray for us. Thank you.

minded, soul saving men who preach and teach from the KJV are encourage to send resume via email to kjones6443@bellsouth.net along with recent photo.

PRINTING NEWS

Printing News:

Things were put on hold the last couple of weeks of April due to the preparation for graduation. However, following graduation, we have really been busy trying to get as much done as possible before we have to leave again. The summer months are always filled with travel and the wife and I sometimes really get "road weary." However, I realize how necessary these trips are and we look forward to visiting with every individual and church.

There are still a number of projects that are waiting for my attention. I am thankful for every individual, every church and every association that allows us to serve them. Our goal is to provide a great service to anyone who wishes to choose us as their publisher.

One of the problems that I have always faced is getting things done right. It really disturbs me when I make a really bad mistake. It not only cost the individual but it cost the shop. This is where we desperately need some help. Someone to help review the materials so that these mistakes are minimized.

I have not been able to even try and get the new press on line. It is still on the pallet where it was unloaded. I was hoping that we could get the other press running but so far our efforts have not worked. If I could find someone who was familiar with the press, they may be able to help solve the problems. It would be rather difficult for us to pay someone \$600.00 a day to come and work on the unit.

Productions:

During the past few weeks we have been able to produce several items. Some have been small and others were more

involved. The Concise Commentary on Galatians by Dr. David Gonnella is completed. The work on his commentary on Romans has not been done. The layout work is completed but we have not been able to go to press with it.

We were also able to complete the commentary on Hebrews by Dr. Glenn Davenport. It has been done and mailed.

We are now trying to get things done in preparations for the national meeting in Daytona Beach. I hope everyone will come by and visit with us at our booth.

Thanks:

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support for this ministry. Without your support, we could not provide the service what we do for the churches and the people of God.

Please continue to pray for someone to come and help us run the print shop.

Thank you so much.

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